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Examiner's Name: Markoff, Alexander  
Art Unit: 1746  
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 Applicant(s) claim small entity status (37 CFR 1.27).

ATTACHMENTS

- Preliminary Amendment  
 Amendment/Response with respect to Office Action  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 14, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

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